# DOMINION PHILATELIST

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## MY EXPERIENCE

By W. M. Lester.

I have no doubt but that during some time in his career as a collector, each one of us has come to the conclusion that the stamps of some particular country are more frequently met with in his country than elsewhere, outside that particular country. I have, and have often wondered if we cannot tell a few of our experiences to the advantage of the rest. Accordingly I will start the ball rolling by telling a few things I have observed.

Here on the Pacific Coast where I live, Hawaiian stamps are the stamps of which we seem to have the largest proportion of any community for San Francisco being the nearest large port to Hawaii, the Hawaiian foreign mails would come here to be forwarded to their destination for more than half went no further; nearly everyone here seemed to have a friend or relative there.

Only one of the postage stamps was ever put to fiscal use, the $1. of 1883, when so used, it is always found cancelled with a purple maltese cross or pen marked. You may have seen one on dealers' selections priced close to $2., the price as well as the cancellation gives it away, for a postally used copy sells for about three times as much.

The Provisional Government stamps are, with the exception of two or three, from four to five or more times more frequently met with unused than used. Certain of them and 12 cent blue, 1894 are not obtainable in the wholesale market, in used condition, and because there may be more of them here than elsewhere, they are no more cheap here, for the dealers here fully realize how scarce they are.

Chinese and Hong Kong stamps come next though we have no monopoly of them here. Many western collectors go to "Chinatown", that part of San Francisco where the Chinese have built a miniature China with stores and everything as at home in the Orient, whenever the mail steamers come in, to buy. The

Chinese seem to be utterly devoid of patriotism for they save their stamps to sell us, thinking we mean to clean off the cancellations and use them over, to cheat the Chinese' P. O. They see no sense in our claims that we want them to put in a book. "What for? no use to the book," their logic, but they sell us the stamps.

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ARTICLE III Sec I. Any person of good recomendation and social standing may become a member by applying to the Secretary, providing said application is signed by two persons as references. One of these must be a member of the society . if the other is not a member he shall be a responsible citizen of the applicant's place of residence. The Secretary shall then cause the name and address of the applicant together with the names of his references to be published in the Offical Journal, and if no member files objections with the Secretary within 15 days after publication of said Official Journal, the applicant shall be considered elected, and shall receive membership certificates on payment of dues.

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If application is sent between January 1st and May 20th send 35c. Between May 20th and June 20th—32c. June 20th and July 20th—29c. July 20th and Aug. 20th—26c. Aug. 20th and Sept. 20th—23c. Sept. 20th and Oct. 20th—20c. Oct. 20th and Mar. 20th 17c. Nov. 20th and Dec. 20th—14c. This pays fee, and dues until January 1st next.

BENEFITS DERIVED FROM MEMBERSHIP.

1. All members receive every month, free of charge a copy of the Official Organ, in which magazine the reports of the Society are published, the regular subscription price of which is 25c so this benefit alone nearly equals the cost of membership.

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G. A. LOWE Secretary, 61 King St. W. Toronto.

The following particulars are requested of all applicants.

If a member of any existing philatelic society enumerate such.....

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In what year did you commence to collect stamps?.....

How many varieties have you in your collection? .....

If you do not collect every class of stamps state your speciality.....

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This application, when properly filled out, TOGETHER WITH iniation fee and dues should be mailed to the Secretary.

**G. A. LOWE,**

SECRETARY-TREASURER,

**61 King Street, West., TORONTO.**

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For further particulars write to the Sec'y

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**43 Scott St., TORONTO.**